

**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Below Average  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Unsatisfactory

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 19. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to good. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

#### RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
<b>2001</b>	Below Average	Unsatisfactory
<b>2002</b>		
<b>2003</b>		
<b>2004</b>		

#### TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	57.3	51.7	66.9	47.1	47.2	56.5
• Passed 2 subtests	20.5	22.8	17.4	23.2	23.2	19.8
• Passed 1 subtest	9.8	15.5	10.7	16.2	17.3	13.8
• Passed no subtests	12.4	10.0	5.1	13.5	12.3	9.9

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships at four-year institutions	10.5%	7.4%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	10.5%	7.5%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	27.6%	41.5%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

#### PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
<b>All students</b>	87.1%	10.5%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	51.6%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	90.8%	11.7%	
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	82.5%	14.8%	
Female	90.4%	7.9%	
<b>Ethnic Group</b>			
African American	85.7%	8.9%	
Hispanic	100.0%	0.0%	
White	93.0%	25.9%	
Other	100.0%	50.0%	
<b>Lunch Status</b>			
Free/reduced-price lunch	85.0%	14.1%	
Pay for lunch	90.2%	6.1%	

#### STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	100.0%
Completers placed	96.5%
Eligible students enrolled	0.0%

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,062	N/A	\$5,361	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	86.0%	Up from 85.2%	88.1%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	23.0 to 1	N/A	24.1 to 1	25.1 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=1,773)</b>				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	22.3%	N/A	9.2%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	93.1%	Up from 92.9%	94.7%	95.3%
• Retention rate	11.4%	Down from 12.1%	11.4%	10.0%
<b>TEACHERS (n=89)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	5.9 Days	Down from 9.7	8.3 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	94.7%	Down from 94.8%	95.0%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	48.3%	Down from 52.9%	42.0%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	68.5%	Down from 71.4%	74.1%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	2.2%	Up from 0.0%	3.3%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	81.8%	Up from 80.4%	83.2%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$40,180	Up 3.1%	\$36,262	\$38,125

#### SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dropout rate	5.4%	Down from 5.5%	3.9%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	49.7%	N/A	54.5%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	2.0	N/A	2.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	55.7%	N/A	60.2%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Good	Excellent
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• Older than usual for grade	13.5%	Down from 15.6%	13.4%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	451	N/A	50	29
• Gifted and talented	16.4%	Up from 2.3%	1.8%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	13.1%	Up from 9.0%	11.8%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	N/A	6.0%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	0	N/A	331	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	41.0%	N/A	22.8%	23.1%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

The mission of Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School, enriched with cultural diversity, is to empower all students to be problem solvers, responsible citizens, users of technology, effective communicators and lifelong learners in a rapidly changing global community by providing challenging experiences in a safe, caring, supportive and cooperative environment.

To accomplish our mission, we offer students the following choices:

- IB, AP, College Prep and Tech Prep course offerings
- Reading Renaissance
- Accelerated Math
- Acceleration classes for students who did not meet standard on Exit Examination and for those who received Below Basic on PACT
- SAT/ACT Preparation Classes/Teams
- Early Bird, lunch, and after school tutoring
- Collaboration with local colleges and universities
- Computer-assisted instruction
- Career counseling
- Opportunities for parental involvement
- High Schools That Work Pacesetters Site

Over 70 percent of first time tenth graders met standard in reading, mathematics and writing on the Exit Examination. Efforts to improve scores on advanced placement tests include requiring teachers to take refresher courses and to apply to serve as scorers/readers.

It is the goal of the administration to hire and retain highly qualified, committed instructors. Professional development is ongoing in all subject areas. Learner standards, developed by the State Department of Education, provide the guides for planning and instruction. Course offerings are updated to better prepare students for the global society. Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School has received numerous accolades for academics, athletics and the arts: Palmetto Fellows, SC Academic Hall of Fame, WLTX Players of the Week, 2000 Girls State Basketball Champions.

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	69.7	58.1	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	79.2	70.9	
Satisfied with home-school relations	44.2	80.3	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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**Grades** 9-12 High School

**Enrollment:** 1,773 Students

### Principal

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### Superintendent

Mr. Melvin Smoak 803-534-5454

### Board Chair

Mr. Melvin Crum 803-536-6693

## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

**2001**

School Grade:  
Unsatisfactory



### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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